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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

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The General Assembly,

Emphasizing the importance of strengthening the operational activities for development of the United Nations system in accordance with its resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989,

Recognizing that progress has been made in implementing parts of resolution 44/211 by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system individually, as well as through coordinating mechanisms such as the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the Joint Consultative Group on Policies and the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities),

Noting with concern that progress in implementing other parts of resolution 44/211 has been disappointing, and stressing the need for more vigorous efforts to implement the resolution in those areas,

Recognizing the need to give guidance to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation to assist him in producing his report in preparation for the next triennial review of operational activities to be undertaken by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session,

1. Takes note of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on operational activities for development of the United Nations system; 1/

2. Reaffirms the importance of its resolution 44/211 and stresses the need to implement all the elements of that resolution;

3. Stresses, in particular, the need for more vigorous efforts by the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement resolution 44/211 in the following areas:

(a) The need for the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities) and the individual agencies to speed up work in conjunction, where appropriate, with other bilateral and multilateral donors, on simplification and harmonization of rules and procedures, keeping in mind the need for accountability and for more simple and transparent procedures;

(b) The need to enhance the coherence of the response of the United Nations system to national programming processes, in particular by implementing the guidelines elaborated on this issue by the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities);

(c) The need urgently to strengthen the effectiveness of the resident coordinator system, by implementing the guidelines on this issue elaborated by the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities), and generally improving cooperation between individual agencies, especially at the field level;

(d) The need for decentralization of authority and greater budgetary flexibility, combined with enhanced accountability;

4. Requests the Director-General to include information on the progress made with respect to the issues dealt with in paragraph 3 of the present resolution in the report to be submitted to the regular session of 1992 of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with paragraph 29 of General Assembly resolution 44/211;

5. Reaffirms the importance of the triennial review of operational activities to be undertaken by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

6. Decides that the triennial review should build on and, where necessary, elaborate further the elements of resolution 44/211;

7. Requests the Director-General, in preparing his report for the triennial review, to concentrate on the following issues:

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(a) The field structure of the United Nations, with particular emphasis on:

(i) The leadership role of the resident coordinator;

(ii) The role of multidisciplinary teams;

(iii) The need for common premises at the country level;

(b) Programming, with particular emphasis on:

(i) The integrated operational response of the United Nations system to national programming frameworks and priorities;

(ii) Coordination within the United Nations system and with recipient countries;

(c) National execution, with particular emphasis on:

(i) The provision of technical assistance by United Nations agencies;

(ii) National participation at all levels of project and programme development so as to maximize capacity-building;

(d) The need for increased and improved training at the national, field and headquarters level;

(e) Ways of improving progress towards greater decentralization and accountability;

8. Requests the executive heads of United Nations organs, organizations and bodies fully to cooperate with the Director-General and provide him with all necessary assistance to enable him to prepare an action-oriented report;

9. Requests the Director-General to submit a progress report to the Economic and Social Council at its regular session of 1992.

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Corrigendum

The title of the draft resolution should read as above.

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